

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1760 without my signature.

This bill would codify the Climate Action Team (CAT) originally established by Executive Order S-3-05. The bill also directs CAT, beginning January 1, 2010, to prepare an annual strategic research, development, and demonstration plan and adopt a biennial climate change impact adaptation and protection plan.

The CAT, under leadership from the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), has successfully coordinated the climate change activities of state agencies for three years.

As we move forward, they will continue to play a greater role in the implementation of AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. That should be their main focus and to the extent that coordinating research falls within their responsibility, they should do so. But, placing this responsibility exclusively within CAT's jurisdiction is not appropriate at this time.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger